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SUBJ: ANDREOTTI VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 178659, (B) STATE 280065

1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI THIS MORNING TO EXTEND OUR INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 6 AND 7 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY. ANDREOTTI WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THE INVITATION AND INDICATED THAT THE DATES WERE ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.

2. I SHOWED ANDREOTTI THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RELEASE AS SET-FORTH IN REFTEL B) AND HE HAD NO DIFFICULTIES WITH IT. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD SLIGHT PREFERENCE FOR ITS PUBLICATION ON NOVEMBER 17, BUT IF IT WAS ESSENTIAL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW TO BE RELEASED ON THE 16TH HE COULD GO ALONG WITH IT. COMMENT: I ASKED ANDREOTTI IF HE HAD DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE VISIT WITH PEOPLE LIKE LEONE, ZACCAGNINI, FORLANI AND FANFANI. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD NOT, AND I GATHERED FROM HIS REACTION TO MY QUESTION THAT HE WOULD LIKE THE ADDITIONAL DAY TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTACTS HERE. END COMMENT.

3. ANDREOTTI DID ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGENDA AND I TOOK THE POSITION AS SETFORTH IN REFTEL A) INDICATING THAT I HAD NO DETAILS ON THE AGENDA BUT ASSUMED THESE WOULD BE DEVELOPED NOW THAT DEFINITE DATES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE VISIT.

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4. I ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL COORDINATE WITH ITALIAN EMBASSY

IN WASHINGTON REGARDING THE TIMING OF THE RELEASE.
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